POEMS WORTH READING.

The Day After Christmas

At having to choose which ball to attend

father rushed down to his office

The cook, she gave notice, and mothe

must go
For a substitute at the employment bu

The children sions felt the holiday joy.

We know that St. Nick is a time honored

and the children to-day, has the

Wall for the Old Manhattan Gent.

been revealed.

Bereft of his glory.

Capricornis of story Manhattan eschews:

No rest for this pilgrim.

His wife and his children

All blown to the deuce.

With mem'ries a-amoulder

So late spick and braw:

In hopes to behold her

And sadly he ponders:

"I'm 'way off to Yonkers Since Nanny's awa'."

And now, pray, attend:

If goats' milk you're after

And so make an end.

morn. Of shy, coquettish, passing eyes-

ah, for many years; What fales—as one might speak

In reverie, tenderly, brokenly,

By Lower Lake edde stands

A patriarch asleep Beneath the drowsy elms,

You'll give them some quarter Not drive them to slanghter

J. J. O'DONOVAN.

ARTHUR WALLACE PRACE.

The Rule

Lonely.

From the Washington Star.

I met a most peculiar man
Of manner somewhat sad.
His style seemed on a different plan
From what we others had.

"Perchance you play or maybe sing Or toy with cards or dice." Said he, "I never do a thing That hints of petty vice.

Still Working.

From the Richmond Times-Dispatch.
There is no Arcady to-day,
So all the modern thinkers say,
For science has destroyed it;
There is no land of perfect joy,
They say, man's appetite to cloy,
And none who has enjoyed it.

But this just shows these thinkers wise Can't see what's set before their eyes In lovers' sweet confusion; If thinkers really looked they'd find The true Arcadian state of mind And that it's no delusion.

Doubtful.

Hoodwinking England.

We are busy," said O'Connor and Mo

And we do not find the slightest diffi-

When I questioned them and asked them

England seizes it, but pays without

question, Lands it promptly at the dock yards a

Shoots it over to the Teutons right

Atkins, needing scarcely a sug-

there's nothing to it, England's navy really is our greatest

how they do it. How they break their way through Eng-

land's strong blockade, just laughed and said, "My boy,

From Yorkville's bold highland

their Christmas time all the

WILLIS BOTD ALLEN.

folk,

Of keeping

## PLEASANTLY THE STRANGER SMILED

But the Smile Faded and Grew Constrained as the Game Went On.

AND HE LOST REPEATEDLY

By DAVID A. CURTIS.

"That don't go in Arkansas City." exclaimed Joe Bassett in loud, angry

quietly. turbed, though it might have been noticed that his eyelids narrowed slightly over a pair of peculiarly keen the game, an' I'll be doggoned if I'm eyes and that a grayish glitter came in the baby blue orbs under the lids. Moreover, the smile that seemed to belong on his pleasant features, while it did not disappear altogether, took on a th' on'y game what'll be played 'round einister expression that had not shown

His composure remained absolutely man to be agitated by a mere noise of other game of draw poker, only him only a noise until he should get an not certain that he would be impressed greatly.

He had entered old man Greenlaw's saloon in Arkansas City unannounced and unexpected some time earlier in he observed the etiquette of the place by inviting the company to partake of efreshments at his expense, he showed no great desire for stimulaamount of whiskey in his glass and drinking not even the whole of that before setting his glass down.

Then he had seated himself with the evident intention of making himself at some and producing an excellent cigar from his pocket joined the others in smoking the time away silently. If he saw the sidelong glances cast at him and at one another by his fellow smokers he took no apparent notice of them, but gave an excellent imitation of a man who has nothing to say. The old man, however, almost al-

ways had something to say, and the silence that ensued seemed after a while to pall on his taste. The etiquette which the others had observed so carefully forbade him to ask any direct questions of a stranger, but he was somewhat skilful at fishing, and presently he said in a tentative way: We uns done heer'd what they was c'nsid'able of a game on the boat last night. Yo' all sho' was lucky to

whar yo' c'd see it. Must 'a' been a right lively fight to finish up." No one of his four friends heard this batted an eye. They had not heard anything of the game or the fight, but they understood what the old man was driving at. So, per-haps, did the stranger, but all he said

was, "I didn't see it."
"Wuth lookin' at," said the old man "Leastways it must a been 'cordin' to what they was a sayin'. But if yo' all didn't see it, yo' couldn't been settin' in."
"I wasn't," said the stranger.

"Kyind o' disheartenin' when a man misses a chanct like that," pursued the old man, striving to convey the imthat he commiserated the stranger. "I was onto a boat one night my own self when they was a went abo'd. An' I'm doggoned if they City. wa'n't a settin' that evenin' an' two suckers lose over a thousand afo' it coolly. broke up. I mought 'a' win quite a heap if I'd a helt a hand."

The stranger smoked right along He did not seem to be interested.

They's al'ays a chance fo' to see in at a other game, though, even if a man does miss one what he mought set into if he'd knowed about it,' continued the old man consolingly after he had waited a while for a "Leastways they al'ays is in Arkansas City. When a man comes said Bassett, his temper getting the hyar on business he's mighty likely better of him. to look 'round fo' a game a'ter he's done finished up. Mo' 'n likely yo' all has mo' 'r less 'mpo'tant business fo'

eaid no more. "Mebbe I c'd be o' some 'sistance,' said the old man desperately, "bein' 's all is a stranger an' I'm tolably

well 'quainted round town." reckon not," said the stranger "unless you can change the time table what Blaisdell was going to do.
on the railroad. The only business I With a smile as pleasant as his have on hand just now is waiting for own. Mr. Blaisdell pushed his whole have on hand just now is waiting fo the next train to go somewhere else. stack forward. Doesn't make much difference where it is," he added listlessly. "I don't stranger's, for, as was said, the see anything else to do in Arkansas stranger had been winning, and City but wait for a train or a boat." "Yo' all is daid wrong," exclaimed

the old man, seizing his opportunity eagerly. "They is mo' diddin' in my back room 'n they is anywheres else on airth."

"What is it?" asked the stranger, as if surprised.
"Draw poker." said the old man.

"I reckon they ain't no sich of a game played nowheres up an' down the Mississippi Valley as what these hyar gents is p'pared fo' to put up. mean by that," he added hastily

as the stranger assumed an air of doubt, "what they ain't nobody puts up mo' money 's free 's they does. They's all well fixed and they's tryin hard to learn the game. If yo' all was to give 'em some p'ints on playin' it 'd be a favor to 'em. They don't 'pear to mind th' 'xpense if anybody 'll learn 'em somepin.' "Why didn't you tell me that be-

said the stranger. "I'm no great player myself, but I'm liable to go melancholy mad before that train goes if I can't find something more exciting than I've seen yet in Arkansas City. I don't mind taking a hand. providing the game is big enough to be interesting. I don't like a limit

"Well, I dunno bout that," said the old man cautiously. "I don't never play my own self, on'y on special 'casions when the game 's shorthanded but 's fur 's I know they ain't never of him, buying anew after each displayed on the premises. Mebbe that wouldn't interest yo' all."

"No. it wouldn't." sai the stranger. and he relighted his cigar as if drop- went away from there. ping the subject, while the old man put on a look of discouragement, and affably "Yo' all sho' is done learnt we the others' appeared to be thinking uns a heap. I reckon we won't play

up. "I hain't never set in to no big game," he said, "but I alays reckoned what they was mo' to be learned if a man was to take mo' of a chanst. I wouldn't mind playin' table stakes I 6'd set in with \$10 or \$20 fo' a b'ginnin'. O' co'se a man c'd buy in again a'ter he done lose that, or he c'd drop out if the luck was to run ag'in him so hard what they wouldn't 'pear to be no chanst fo' him to git even. How 'bout it, Jake?"

"Well," said Jake Winterbottom. done promised my old dad onto his no heavier 'n a \$2 limit, but that was 'nsid'able many years ago, an' I reckon he's done fo'got all about it by now. Any ways, they don't 'pear to h'ain't. I don't mind if I take a hand p'vidin' it's understood afo' hand what they ain't nothin' onreas'nable gwine to be did.

"I won't play." said Joe Bassett so decidedly as to convey the idea that he desired to be disagreeable. "Th' ain't no 'bjections, 's fur 's I know, if anybody wants to play table stakes. gwine to see no outsider butt in an' overtu'n the traditions o' Arkansas City. Draw poker's the on'y game fur 's I'm c'ncerned it's gwine to be

The stranger smoked right along saying nothing while Blaisdell plained to the indignant Sheriff that unshaken. Evidently he was not a table stakes was the same as any any kind. Whatever he heard was to one was allowed to bet as much as he explanation of it. Even then it was the bet in sight on the table at the not certain that he would be im-

"But s'posin' the other feller h'ain't got enough to see the bet." objected

Bassett.
Blaisdell explained that also and he evening, and though on entering after a time Bassett agreed reluctantly to sit in long enough to see how it worked, though he protested with some indignation that it was irregushowed no great desire for stimula-tion, pouring out a remarkably small dictate the kind of game that should be played.

Remained Sam Pearsall, and he was for a time obstinate in his refusal to play anything but a limit game, but finally, when taunted with his lack of nan produced cards and chips.

The stranger bought \$100 worth right off the reel, and there was a storm of protest immediately, but the old man declared firmly that "the gen c'd buy 's much 's he doggone pleased, and the others after much grumbling decided to buy each a like amount.

Then the game began, but it was clearly evident from the beginning that Bassett's attitude toward the stranger was hostile. That gentle-man, however, said nothing, but producing another cigar, smoked along. The play, for the first round or two

indicated a certain timidity on the part of the house players that was perectly natural to those who try a game to which they are wholly unaccusomed. They made their bets readily they put up no more than a dollar at a time, and when the stranger threw enough when it came their turn, but \$5 in the pot, as he did several times. they dropped their cards with a look of awe, until he had swollen his stack appreciably and theirs were all

One after another they showed peevishness, Bassett especially, until Of vanished things, with pauses, halting at length an outbreak of some kind seemed imminent. Nothing happened. Dreaming: if he might awake and speak however, until the stranger raised a What happy hours-pot \$5 after Winterbottom had come But he shall waken in on Bassett's ante and Blatsdell and Never! Pearsall had each raised it \$1.

Then Bassett, who had been finger ing his chips with the apparent in-tention of making good on his ante, night my own self when they was a tention of making good on his ante, tower turned on the stranger angrily and extra turned on the stranger and

"Why not?" asked the strange

"Yo' all 'greed what yo'd play reas' nable" said Bassett, "an' that there ain't no gentlem'nly game. Mebbe it mought be put over onto a passel of yaps in the country, but we uns won'

"Oh, shucks!" exclaimed Blaisdell, "the gent is playin' all right. Back up yo' horses, Joe. This yer's table stakes, an' he c'n bet as much as he likes." "Well, then, I reckon I kin, too,"

"I raise yo' \$5," and he did it.

Winterbottom and Pearsall fied, but Blaisdell after some hesitation put up "I have," said the stranger, but he stranger, relaxing his features in a remarkably pleasant smile, put up \$25. With a howl of rage Bassett threw with a howl of rage Bassett threw down his cards and glared at the stranger as if in doubt whether to kill Join in the pleasures of the dance!"

Said he, "I don't know how." him immediately or not, and the stranger, still smiling, turned to see

own, Mr. Blaisdell pushed his whole stack forward.

It was not quite as large as the stranger's, for, as was said, the

was enough to give the stranger pause. Slowly his smile faded into a look of careful consideration, while Blaisdell's grew somewhat pleasanter.
Perceiving this, and seeming to in-

terpret it as the adjunct of a bluff, the stranger saw the bet and stood pat after Blaisdell had called for two cards. Then he smiled again, but Blaisdell's hen he smiled again, but bisiscens will house was larger than his, and the leal passed to Bassett.

"Give me another hundred," said the stranger, imperturbably, and this where music sings and throbs and with matchiess beauty laden. full house was larger than his, and the deal passed to Bassett.

the stranger, imperturbably, and this time Bassett smiled, seemingly un-mindful of his loss of \$17, not counting time Bassett smiled, seemingly unmindful of his loss of \$17, not counting
his ante. But nothing was said, and
after the old man had brought the additional chips the game went on, and ditional chips the game went on, and a curious thing happened at intervals

From the Richmond Times-Bispatch.
When Mary goes to light the fire,
I croon am anthem, sweet and low,
For Mary uses kerosene
And no one knows where else she'll go thereafter. From time to time the stranger would get cards of sufficient strength to encourage him to bet out, and each time he would encounter a response of such kind that would be further encouraging so that the betting would continue until some one of the others would bet all that he had in front of him.
It would seem probable that an ex-

perienced player such as the stranger undoubtedly was would take warning after a second and third recurrence of a defeat such as he met, but though hi smile grew more and more constrained, he continued to play until each of his four antagonists had taken a fall out in another struggle with Blaisdell. Then he looked at his watch, and

seeing that it was near train time he As he went out the door Bassett said

olemnly.

After an interval Jim Blaisdell spoke laughed heartlessly.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The question was recently asked as to Twas the day after Oristmas, and all through the house

Every creature was stirring, from mistress to mouse.

The stockings, once hung by the chimney with care,
Were empty, and showed that St. Nick had been there.

The children no longer were soug in their three stockings are strongly was made that while no exact figures were available several experts considered it to be Fifth avenue and Forty-second street. Attention is, therefore, called to the figures collected by the New York police and published in The Sun of December 12. This traffic count showed the city's businest corner. count showed the city's busiest corner to be Park row and Frankfort street, their heads.

In short, the same old routine had begun, of 296,200 pedestrians and 6,700 whiches had wall Street was calling, the house passed daily between 8:20 A. M. and must be run;

where for twenty-five days an average of 296,200 pedestrians and 6,700 which had begun, passed daily between 8:20 A. M. and 6:30 P. M. Fifth avenue and Fortymust be run; mother was tired, and father was second street averaged 113,780 pedes trians and 18,800 vehicles.

Because stocks were erratic; and sister Kindly inform me what book or book the history of the pre-Adamites (people who inhabited this earth previous to Adam and Eve) if such existed. That very same night with her own dear-est friend; And those Christmas gloves—she declared

it was strange her size was forgotten—that she must exchange. By hypothesis and by Scripture Adam and Eve had no predecessors. Perhaps however, "J. J. F." may find what he wants in "Men of the Old Stone Age." by Henry Fairfield Osborn, which Scribers have just published.

In the burial service of a certain or In the burial service of a certain order occurs this sentence: "It is the breaking of these ties, the loss of companionship and the sudden ending of all associations with our departed brother that plunges us into woe and regret." While, of course, technically, the three nouns, call for the verb in the plural, yet considering the foct that it is the And their innocent laughter was music to As they foraged anew in the green Christ-Why is it. I mused, that we grownups yet, considering the fact that it is the lesson that is to be impressed upon the hearers, is not the form "plunges" here o hard on the day after Tule to be We are older and wiser than these little

plural subject is the expression of a single thought, concept or feeling, the

simple of heart, to the shepherds Regarding the inquiry as to the high truth est point on Long Island: Brown's an elevation of 333 feet. Harbor Hill, near Roslyn, has an elevation of 391 These figures are from the maps of the United States Geological Survey. There is one hill still higher (if I re-"Goats Wha Ha'e Wi' Swallows Fled."
All draggled and gory, member correctly, about five feet higher than Harbor Hill) easterly from Hicksand southerly from Huntington I have not the Geological Survey map at hand and do not remember the name at hand and do not remember.

of the hill nor its exact elevation.

H. C. W.

> For whom was the fireboat Zophar Mills named? Please explain the col-ored lights under the spans of the East C. C. K.

Fire Commissioner Adamson furnishes the following account of Zophar Mills: "Zophar Mills died July 28, 1887, at the age of 77 years. He was for many years engaged in mercantile pursuits in this city. He joined Engine Company No. 13 of the old Volunteer Fire Department in 1832 and three years later terward in Dover street, near Pearl spades. 1835.

"In 1838 Mr. Mills became assistan engineer of the Volunteer Department and continued to serve in such capacity Of cronies old, of wistful face from far, intil 1842, when he resigned for busi-Of beggar filled, of birth night and burial "In 1845, with others, he originated

the Exempt Firemen's Company for the purpose of assisting the regular volunteer force. This company rendered excellent service.

and brave fire fighter.

"In 1883 Mr. Mills was president of the Exempt Firemen's Association of New York city."

The colored lights under the spans The colored lights under the spans of the meld can be laid away, so that of the East River bridges are navigation the widow must be laid out before the fragrant thorn tree from the dungeon springs.
And on the stair which rang to armored tread
A gaudy flower spreads empurpled wings.
While knotted ivies prop the walls o'erhead. The battlements that fronted shadowing lights, its outer edges.

mountain.

Fallen, give footing to the nimble sheep.

And where in olden days there played a Will you kindly republish "Casey at A trickling stream now laves the crum-bling keep. before I had learned it by heart.

How utter silent is the desolation Wrought by flerce hate and slow de-stroying time Upon the seeming mighty habitation Of great MacCaura in his haughty prime! Many E. Garpner. The classic is too long to print here, be a preposterous penalty, as the laws out Jay E. Bee can memorize it by of all games limit penalties to offences withdrawing from the nearest library Burton E. Stevenson's "The Home Book advantage. of Verse." Turn to page 2,117.

> debate on slavery with a man named Rice (I think) and did Campbell's arguments stand as the best defence slavery ever made? E. R. D. Rice was not on slavery but on theo-logical matters, principally baptism. It was held in 1843 at the Reform Church at Lexington, Ky., and lasted sixteen days. In glancing through Richardson's "Memoir of Alexander Campbell" (1868) no debate on slavery has been noted, but Campbell's views on slavery were clearly set forth in 1845 in his periodi-dal the Millenial Harbinger. See chap-ter 17 of the second volume of the "Memoir."

ica a town named Baños or Puerto Baños? L. T. R. Baños is in Ecuador, in the province of Tungurahua, at the foot of the active enough. Eldest hand picks up his cards volcano which gives the province its name. Longmans's Gazetteer puts it life the mistake and the dealer takes back the last card, putting it on the top 105 miles northeast by north from of the pack. A bets it is a misdeal. Guayaquil and twenty miles east north-55 degrees centigrade respectively, ac- without lifting. cording to Lopez's mapbook of Eduador (1907), which has governmental ap-

Is there not somewhere in Latin Amer

Mr. John D. Crimmins omits to mention the kissing bridge to Cato's road house on the Boston post road and the kissing bridge from Cato's. The first was at Second avenue and Fiftleth street. what he is going to draw to. If he Here a toll fee was settled. In that culty

In transporting it or getting all our pay."

Note that the significant dimension of the York shilling of the day. The matter was done according place his three cards under the chips to the rule of Dutch treat handed down in the pool. The object of the rule is through the years. Yes, share and share to make no difference in his play and on his part. This and no dispute. A mile and more away, at Seventy-fifth street, 200 feet west at seventy-first street, 200 feet west of Third avenue, was the kissing bridge from Cato's. So important, here, was the stream, the Fresh Water, that in the deeds of conveyance it divided Nieuw Amsterdam from Haarlem.

TIMOTHY DALY. Was Nassau county, New York, set off

from Suffolk county? And when M. P. REYNOLDS. No: Nassau county was made out of the eastern half of the old Queens county in 1898, when Greater New York

NOVEL POINTS OF THE LAW. SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

Auction Bridge. M. E. H. says: We are in doubt as to the correct soure in this case. The declaration is three hearts by Z, which A doubles. The declarer does not make her contract, stopping at the odd trick, but A's partner revokes. A says she gets 280 for the fallure on the contract, while Z gets 100 for the revoke. Z insists that A gets nothing, and that three tricks taken for the revoke are worth 16 each and 50 for making good on the bid and 50 for the extra trick. The Supreme Court of Louisiana has held in City of New Orleans vs. Ricke that whether the existence of bubonic that whether the existence of bubonic plague in a city involves such danger as to require the ratproofing of all buildings and structures is a question of public policy for the legislative department. Accordingly the court upholds an ordinance of the Board of Health requiring ratproofing of structures.

In Gutfreund vs. Williams, in the Supreme Court of Iowa (November 1915, 154 N. W., 753), it was laid down Z is right in saying that A gets that while a quotient verdict is improper, a verdict provisionally determined by striking an average of the opinions of the twelve jurors, without any agreement to make the amount so arrived at binding, is not invalid. The court said. nothing, as the side in error when a revoke is made cannot score anything but honors as held. If Z takes three tricks, so as to fulfil her contract, these carry no bonus of 50 for the double because they were not won in actua

Supreme Court Justice Lamm of Mis-

leged defects. In oral argument learned

that nothing in law is so apt to misleau as a metaphor. We are told at the

change the courses of rivers, that while one swallow may not, yet many swal-lows may, make a summer, and why may not many specks spoil an apple?"

A unique case was decided by the Su

preme Court of Minnesota in Terrill vs. Virginia Brewing Company, in which the court holds that a boy's sled does not

come within the purview of a statute regulating motor vehicles. The action was brought to recover damages for the

intestate, a boy of 12 years, who was killed while coasting down hill on a

street by his sled coming in collision

with a sleigh of the defendant which wa

hour. "It is sufficient to say," observed the court, "that this is the first time we

testifies to the proper execution and at-testation of a will, and the other attest-ing witnesses, besides giving similar tes-timony, identify the will offered as the

In Thomas vs. State, in the Suprem

Court of Alabama, it was laid down that "the right of castle," that is, to stand

one's ground without retreating and de-fend one's self against an assailant,

only applies to the house, and the vard

is not within its protection." The rule

in Hill vs. State, where the court said

has been extended by the same court

home, his dwelling, the rule has also

been extended to one's place of business

or his place of refuge; consequently a

man's place of business must be regarded

same right to defend it against intru-

sion and is under no more necessity of

The Supreme Judicial Court of Massa

chusetts holds in Germond vs. Brunnelle

that a person who gives a husband ad-

vice with an honest and friendly desire to assist him, even though it lead to his

separation from his wife and may not

have been the best advice that could have been given, is not liable to the wife.

in the absence of malice. The court said

his right to such advice or render a third party Hable for advice which is

given with an honest and friendly de

sire to assist him, even though it may lead to his separation from his wife and

may turn out not to have been the best advice that could have been given. The liability of the defendant does not de-

to entitle her to maintain an action against him. In order to show that in

the present case she had to show malice

Law Notes says it would never hav

This she failed to do'

"It is true that the husband is bound

pro hac vice his dwelling.

alleged wrongful death of

the issues involved on the trial is dis-closed in the abstract. The verdict was for \$104.83, and it is said that the jurors play, although the four odd are soored at 16 each and win the game. in arriving thereat were guilty of mis-conduct in that they returned a quotient S. T. asks a similar question, but in S. T. casks a similar question, but in his case the player who was doubled and proved a revoke against the opponents made the four odd in spades, doubled, which was the bid, and got a trick over. How should he exact the revoke penalty, as he does not want the actual "'We first agree that each juror would mark down a certain sum which they thought the plaintiff was entitled to re-cover as his measure of damages and divide the sum by 12. That said agree-

The five odd in spades are toward same. Then there is the 100 to by all the jurors and then each juror for a fulfilled doubled contract and a trick over. If three more tricks were plaintiff was entitled to recover, then taken, only two of them would count, adding all together and dividing the said sum by 12, then adding interest at 6 per cent. That this method of arriving as thirteen is the limit, and there is no score for slams made by taking reat our verdict was adopted, with a revoke penalties, so the most that can be made out of it is to take the 100 No question seems to occasion more Many persons think slams made by pen-Railroad, starting its freight train disputes than this. Where, as here, a alty tricks count, but that is a mistake.

U. O. P. says: The dealer held these use of the verb in the singular is as four clubs to the queen ten; three diamonds to the ace jack, and five spades to the queen jack. What is the bid? One spade. It is true that there are not two sure tricks at the head of the spade suit, but there are tricks enough suit. It is not a good no trumper with the singleton ace, but it is too strong a hand to pass without a bid. Some foxy players would bid a club or a diamond to get a line on the heart situation

M. A. F. says: What is the bid on

It is a safer heart. The strength of and one at a time, but he insists with spirit that (taken collectively as an aggregation) they had a cumulative effect and invalidated the title. He illustrated his position by the homely proposition announced at our bar, to wit, "Enough specks make an apple rotten." The enough specks theory, thus making its virgin and blushing bow on the stage of year, extent large very real. three suits often tempts players to risk a no trumper when there is no necessity for it. The danger of a no trumper that if the opponent on the left has a big suit he will sit still and lead it, but if a trump is declared he knows that his of real estate law, may well excite a mild judicial interest—an interest to be tempered by a word of caution, thus: If suit is worthless as a big trick winner, and has to declare it.

S. E. A. says: The dealer bids writers put it, they may be 'odorous' as others will have it, and finally, in dealbecame its foreman. It was located in trump, which goes to fourth hand, bid-fulton street near Gold street, and afing with similitudes must we not be chastened by the thought that so great a jurist as Lord Mansfield found it wise to declare (so Lord Westbury vouches) trumps, and second hand says three spades. What should dealer's partner street. With his company he assisted do, holding four hearts to the king in fighting the great conflagration of three small black cards. as a metaphor.' We are told at the mother's knee that continual dropping wears away a stone, that enough peobles Pass it up. To show the diamo

now would be to indicate they were winners. If the dealer is strong enough to rebid his hand without waiting for you, he has that spade contract sewed up. Give him a chance to double it, or show

Pinochle—H. A. says: The bid is 400.
Bidder melds 270 and has 120 to make when he leads a card. His opponents then call his attention to the fact that 

penalty for an offence that cannot possibly harm either adversary nor give the player any unfair advantage. In the player any untair advantage. In that the boy violated the statute governing the operation of motor vehicles of the meld can be laid away, so that ment requires the city to put on the the case cited this was not done, therebridges to mark the river channel at fore the players that sat there and have heard a boy's sled called a night. On the Queensboro Bridge they allowed the bidder to pick up his melds mark the channel on both sides of are just as responsible as those that play Blackwell's Island. The green light in- to a lead out of the wrong hand at dicates the centre of the channel; red bridge. If they play to the card led without seeing that the widow is laid out, that is also their error. If they refuse the Bat" The last time you published it I cut it out, but let another have it done? All the hidder need do is to show his melds again and lay out for the widow. To set him back would

that might give the player in error an one attested by such witness. Did Alexander Campbell, the founder of Bethany College, ever have a public ponent can call out ahead of him. It is usual for an opponent to call out, so us to be out in case the bidder does not make good or does not get Campbell's debate with the Rev. N. L. enough. But the bidder has the first chance to show he is out, and if he is

> Cassino. T. M. says: if the game is 21 up and both are out, the one that wins the cards goes out first.

Cards count first, but if the 3 points retreating from the one than from the are not enough to win, spades, big and other; his duty to defend one is the same as it is to defend the other." come in order.

Poker. J. M. H. says: The deal is

complete, but the dealer gives a sixth card to the eldest hand before his attention is called to the fact that all hav The deal stands, but the eldest hand east of Rio-bamba. The name means is out of the pot, as he lifted a foul to support his wife and that he is liable to a criminal complaint if he unreason-simply "baths." There are three springs hand. He had no right to lift the six ably refuses or neglects to do so. But with distinct temperatures of 36, 44 and cards, as they can be counted face down we do not think that that fact can affect

H. N. J. says: We are in some doubt (1907), which has governmental approval and refers to these springs as to the rule about splitting openers and placing the discard under the chips in the pool. Does this placing of the discard take place only when the opener is about to split, and if so must be be actually splitting and not bluffing?

what he is going to draw to. If he been an invasio of the plaintiff's rights keeps nothin but his pair he must in some form by the defendant in order bridge the others.

G. T. asks the odds against filling a monkey flush.

It is 23 to 1 against getting two cards, 96 to 1 against getting three.

J. B. L. says: If a card is faced in the deal what happens, and if in the G. T. asks the odds against filling a monkey flush. 96 to 1 against getting three.

the deal what happens, and if in the case."

draw, what?

The player must keep it in the deal and cannot keep it in the draw, but must and cannot keep it in the draw, but must the trial court charged the jury as follows: "Some of us imagine that all of the contrariness and arbitrariness in the case of McCo 1915D, 1064.

CHESS FOR PLAYER, LOYER AND STUDENT

Janowski's Ship Delayed, So Date for Rice Tourney Is Not Yet Fixed.

MARSHALL WON'T PLAY

The managers in charge of the forthcoming Rice Memorial Tournament announce that they are unable to fix a date for the beginning of the contest, as there is an uncertainty about the sailing of the Franco-Polish master, D. Janowski, from Bordeaux. He ought to have left the Franco-restrict meterday and have left the French port yesterday and should arrive in this city on January 3. However, the local agents of the French steamship line will not know before to morrow whether or not the steamship Lafayette will leave Bordeaux on schedule time. Under the circumstances it is more than likely that the beginning of the contest will be postponed to January 10, when it is intended to play the contest round in the rooms of the Brook.

with only the usual and necessary noises connected therewith, held not liable for injury to plaintiff, whose horse was frightened, ran away and threw her out. would have to absent himself from the contest. Marshall also wrote a letter of apology to Mrs. Isaac L. Rice, in which he said that he is at present completely out of form, and inasmuch as the managers of the tournament could not allow him a retainer of \$150, it will be impossible for him to get into form, as he needs that sum for presents himself. -Dotson vs. Michigan Cent. R. Co., Mich., N. W., 1065. Though plaintiff, when awakened, found his head between the rods of his bed, the railroad company, whose car crashed through the fence in front of plaintiff's residence, held not liable for it is a Rice memorial tournament he the injuries sustained by plaintiff in ex-Co. vs. Chambers, Ky., 178 S. W. 1101.

feels it necessary to be at his best.

When it became known at the Manhattan Chess Club that Marshall would hattan Chess Club that Marshall would not play a coterie of members were discussing the affair in the library of the club, and they were nearly all of the opinion that Marshall was perfectly justified in refusing to play, as he would be the loser, financially, even if he should win a high prize, as he would have to absent himself from his Divan, where he is said to make much more money, than a high prize would net him to the tournament. Only one member. sour!, writing an opinion on "specks" in Skiliman vs. Clardy, said: "There were many objections made to the validity of the tax judgment and deed on many alcounsel for appellants conceded a group of them were small ones, taken severally and one at a time, but he insists with

At the time of writing Columbia seems almost certain to win the championship in the twenty-fourth annual intercolle-Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania, which are scheduled to take place at the Progressive Chess Club to-morrow and Tuesday, are held over for next week. a special meeting of the Empire

City Chess Club the other day, when thirty members were present, the fol-lowing nominations for office were made lowing nominations for office were made with no dissenting voice: S. T. Kemp, president; H. Hirsch, vice-president; B. J. Gibling, treasurer; S. T. Kemp, secretary; F. L. Hunt, F. W. Lyons, G. Freisinger, M. Demby and A. Friedeneit, directors.

Just before the adjournment of the

meeting Mr. Wintner took the chair and in a speech reviewed the history of the club, its modest beginning and its remarkable growth, all under the leadtership and administration of President Kemp, and a vote of thanks was given to him. A committee was also appointed to purchase a suitable souvenir, to be presented to Mr. Kemp at the annual meeting on January 8. The local ex-perts, Julius Finn and G. Koehler, were elected honorary members of the club Meeting their Waterloo in the seventh

round of the high school chess league the players of the Brooklyn Boys' High School sustained their first defeat at the hands of De Witt Clinton by the score of 3 games to 1 at the rooms of the Man hattan Chess Club. Max Wolfson, the Brooklyn captain, scored a notable vic-tory over M. Zetkin, one of the finest players in the league, but on the other three boards Wagner, Bartha and Tobias won for De Witt Clinton. The result left won for De Witt Clinton. The result left Boys' High still leading in the matter of total points scored, but De Witt Clinton has the advantage in total matches won proof of wills by attesting witnesses who have lost their eyesight. The recent case of Reynolds vs Sevier. 165 Ky. 158, 176 testifies to the proper execution and testion of the proper execution and the proper execution a

tis. The summaries:

De Witt Clinton (3), Boys' High (1)—M. Wolfson, 1, Zetkin, 0; Jack Schneider, 0, Wagner, 1; Joe Schneider, 0, Bartha, 1; Phil. Wolfson, 0, Tobias, 1.

Eastern District (2) vs. Commercial (2)—Erman, 1, Rossen, 0; Nussbaum, 0, Chernofsky, 1; Gross, 0, Chernofsky, Jr., 1; Chernev, 1, McCudden, 0

Stuyvesant (2) vs. Curtis (2)—Reiner, 1, Bengis, 0; Goldenberg, 0, Kirby, 1; E. Kransdorf, 1, Steinberg, 0; S. Kransdorf, 0, Luboff, 1.

Luboff, 1.

Boys' High, 24—4; Curtis, 18—6; De Witt Clinton, 17 \( \frac{1}{2} \)—6 \( \frac{1}{2} \); Eastern District, 20—8; Commercial, 17—7; Stuyvesant, 12—18; Commercial, 17—7; Stuyvesant, 12—18; Erasmus, 10—14; Bryant, 11—17; Manual Training, 6 \( \frac{1}{2} \)—17 \( \frac{1}{2} \); Suyvesant, 12—18

Upon his return from Chicago Jose R. Capablanca stopped off at Princeton and

world wears dresses. That is a mistake. Some of it wears pants.

Smith vs. State before the Nevada Su-Smith vs. State before the Nevada Su-preme Court was a suit by members of a posse who killed a party of suspected murderers while the latter were resist-ing arrest to recover the reward offered by the Governor of Nevada "for the ar-rest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of the murder of Henry Cambron and three associates." The court upheld a judgment that the plaincourt upheld a judgment that the plain-tiffs were entitled to the reward, al-though "there was neither arrest nor conviction, for the reason that the persons 'guilty of the murder' were all killed while resisting arrest." The court ruled that opportunity to prove the guilt of the murderers so as to secure their conviction was prevented by resistance making justifiable metr be-

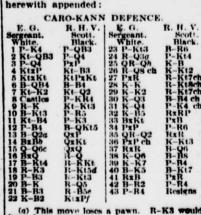
ing killed. This, said the court, "operated as a lawful excuse for non-compliance with the full conditions of the reward. Commenting on the fact that the technicalities of the law are often too finely drawn for the lay understanding. Case and Comment tells of an actual

liability of the defendant does not depend upon whether the separation resulted wholly or n part from the advice which he gas e, but quo animo the known "horseman" was called as a wit-

tle an action for breach of promise of marriage, to pay plaintiff a specified amount three years after date if she is then alive and unmarried, is void as in restraint of marriage is held in the Iowa case of McCoy vs. Flynn, L. R. A.

played simultaneous chess twenty-three of the students. The Cuban champion allowed only one draw. Borls Kostic, the Serbian chess master, Boris Kostic, the Serbian chess master, played eight of the Columbia University Chess Club members the day before the intercollegiate tournament, making a score of seven wins and one loss to A. J. Mandell. The other boards were manned by E. F. Korkus, H. E. Leede, C. B. Isaacson, A. J. Mandell, J. M. Bird, N. W. Kempf, A. R. Mengel and W. Lempeke.

The scores of two games played in the annual championship tournament of the City of London Chess Club, with notes by Amos Burn in the Field, are



uary 10, when it is intended to play the opening round in the rooms of the Brooklyn Chess Club.

It has not been decided whether to limit the number of competitors to eight or to allow twelve men to enter the field. Within a day or two the management will be in a position to settle that question. Meanwhile the readers will learn with regret that the American champion, Frank J. Marshall, will not be a competitor. Some time ago he wrote to the managers stating that unless he received a retainer of \$150 he would have to absent himself from the contest. Marshall also wrote a letter of apology to Mrs. Isaac L. Rice, in which he said that he is at present completely out of form, and inasmuch as the managers of the tournament could not allow him a retainer of \$150, it will be impossible for him to get into form, as he needs that sum for preparing himself.

(f) This loses a piece. His only chance was to give up the exchange by RxQBP, which would have left him with two pawns for the loss of the exchange; but the game would then have been in white's favor.

(g) Not PxR at once, because of R-Kt7 ch, followed by KtxR.

(h) Again he had to defer capturing the rook because of R-Kt7 ch, but now he threatens mate in two moves and after giving check with his R, provides an escape at Q3 for his king.

FOUR KNIGHTS GAME.

L. Savage, W.H. Watts.
White.

Black.
White.

Black.
White.

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Black

P-QR3, 14. B-KB, K-R; 15. B-Q2, and white had the advantage.

(c) QRKt instead would have lost at least a pawn; c. g. 9. QKK; 10. PRP, PRP; 11. B-Kt5, Q-Q3; 12. KtRP, P-B3; 13. QRQ, PRQ; 14. KtRP.

(d) Probably to prevent B-R6 or Q-R5, but the advance of the pawn further weakens his position on the king's side.

(e) This move loses a piece. He should have retired his bishop to Q2, threatening to win a pawn by P-QB4.

(f) Cutting off the retreat of the B, which has now no escape.

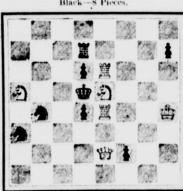
(g) A well played game by Mr. Savage, but his opponent was handicapped by the mistake he made in the opening.

The appended three positions are one

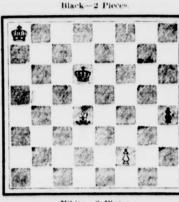
The appended three positions are one and all specially composed for and cated to the readers of THE SUN PROBLEM NO. 626, BY EMIL HOFFMANN



White-8 Pieces White to play and mate in 3 moves PROBLEM NO. 627, by FRANK JANET.



White-6 Pieces. White to play and mate in 2 moves. END GAME STUDY NO. 68, by C. H



White-3 Pieces. White to play and win. SOLUTION TO NO. 624. 1. Q K(4, RxRP; 2, QxK(P, &c 2, Q K(4, Kt-Q3; 2, Q-B5 ch, &c 1, Q-K(4, Kt-B3; 2, H-K ch, &c 1, Q-K(4, P-K4; 2, B-K3 ch, &c sol\_UTION TO NO, 625, 1, R(K(7)-K(5, &c.

happening in an Ohio court.

At a term of the Circuit Court there, a horse case was on trial, and a well known "horseman" was called as a witness.

"You saw this horse?" asked the defendant counsel.

"Yes. I—"

"What did you do?"

"I just opened his mouth to find out how old he was, and I said to him, 'Old top, I guess you're pretty good yet."

"Stop!" yelled the opposing counsel.

"Your Honor, I object to any conversation carried on between the witness and the horse when the plaintiff was not present."

And the objection was sustained.

That a provision in a contract to settle an action for breach of promise of marriage, to pay plaintiff a specified

SOLUTION TO END GAME STUDY NO.67.

1. BxP ch. KxB; 2. P-Ks (Q), 0xQ; 3. P-Ks (R), KxB; 2. P-Kts (Q), 0xQ; 3. P-Ks (Q), 0xQ; 3. DLUTION TO END GAME STUDY NO. 67

CORRESPONDENCE. W. D. L. R., New York—THE SUN will try to set you right next week. H. G. K. Chicago, Ill.—Glad to see that peace has been declared. Dr. Robert Brodnas. Charleston, E. C.—See answer to "W. D. L. R."